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TO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO IMMEDIATE

INFO AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: TELEPHONE TAP (D.E.A.)

SANTIAGO FOR RSO, RIO FOR TSO, PANAMA FOR RTC AND RSS

1. CLANDESTINE MONITORING OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS CAN OCCUR AT ANY POINT ALONG TELEPHONE LINE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. TAPS ARE GENERALLY NOT DETECTABLE. NOISE ON PHONE LINES, CROSS TALK, ODD SOUNDS, ETC. DO NOT NECESSARILY INDICATE A TAP ON A LINE.

2. SINCE TELEPHONE LINES OUTSIDE THE CHANCERY ARE NOT UNDER U.S. ACCESS OR CONTROL, THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO EFFECT REMOVAL OF TAP OR EVEN PROVE THAT ONE EXISTS.

3. AS A MATTER OF COURSE, CHANCERY PERSONNEL MUST ASSUME THAT ALL PHONE LINES ARE TAPPED. THIS HAS BEEN THE BASIS FOR THE SY CAVEAT PROMULGATED WORLDWIDE THAT CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED OVER ANY TELEPHONE.

4. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT INFORMATION INDICATES THAT LINES ARE TAPPED, THERE IS NOTHING A TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER CAN DO TO CHANGE SITUATION. THEREFORE, SPECIAL TSO VISIT DOES NOT
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SEEM WARRANTED AT THIS TIME.

5. ON NEXT TSO VISIT TO SANTIAGO, TSO WILL INSPECT
CHANCERY INTERNAL PHONE SYSTEM FOR MODIFIED INSTRUMENTS
AND IMPLANTED DEVICES. INGERSOLL

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